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## **Michigan Ethnic Commissions promote justice for the children**

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As members of the Hispanic/Latino Commission of Michigan, the Michigan Asian Pacific American Affairs Commission, and the Commission on Middle Eastern American Affairs, we are concerned for the health and welfare of all children in Michigan.

We understand the difficult nature of the situation that has unfolded at the Southern border with children being separated from their parents. The three ethnic commissions continue to be engaged with the Michigan Office for New Americans to receive updates, and we understand that state government agencies are providing services, to the extent permissible by federal and state law.

We are committed to ensuring that every child in Michigan is provided with safe and humane living conditions, and we have every confidence in the organizations that are providing quality services to the children placed in their care. We also understand that each unaccompanied child is receiving a legal assessment.

Justice for the children is what we all strive for; however, we are also greatly concerned about the privacy for each child. There are strict federal policies around providing any type of identifying information about the children. Often, human traffickers try to take advantage of children in this type of situation, so keeping identifying information confidential is of the utmost importance. We respectfully ask that individuals and the media refrain from publishing any identifying details for the safety and well-being of the children.

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Noel Garcia, Chair  
Hispanic Latino Commission

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Manal Saab".

Manal Saab, Chair  
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A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jamie Hsu".

Jamie Hsu, Chair  
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